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For Public Release: Public report regarding Frederick County Government's compliance with House Bill 987 (Chapter 151), The Watershed Protection and Restoration Program Act, per the requirements of the legislation:

- (I) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2014, AND EVERY 2 YEARS THEREAFTER, A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY SHALL MAKE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE A REPORT ON:
- (1) THE NUMBER OF PROPERTIES SUBJECT TO A STORMWATER REMEDIATION FEE;
- (2) THE AMOUNT OF MONEY DEPOSITED INTO THE WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION FUND OVER THE PREVIOUS 2 FISCAL YEARS; AND
- (3) THE PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS IN THE LOCAL WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION FUND SPENT ON EACH OF THE PURPOSES PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (H)(4) OF THIS SECTION.

## Reporting Requirements of HB987

(1) The number of properties subject to a stormwater utility fee

The number of properties subject to the stormwater utility fee is 49,485. This is the estimate provided by our Division of Interagency Information Technology and confirmed by the County Treasurer based on the current billing system of properties to be billed with the July 1, 2014 property tax. This estimate was provided June 16, 2014.

(2) The amount of money deposited in the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fund over the previous 2 fiscal years

The amount of money deposited into the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fund since the regulatory implementation deadline of July 1, 2013 is \$490.43 based on information provided by the Finance Division on June 13, 2014. Finance noted that the current fiscal year has not yet closed.

(3) The percentage of funds in the local Watershed Protection and Restoration Fund spend on each of the purposes provided in Section (H)(4) of this Section.

Section (H)(4) states that:

SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A COUNTY AND OR MUNICIPALITY SHALL USE THE MONEY IN ITS LOCAL WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION FUND FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES ONLY:

- (I) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING STREAM AND WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECTS;
- (II) OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES:
- (III) PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH RELATING TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT OR STREAM AND WETLAND RESTORATION;
- (IV) STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING, INCLUDING:
- 1. MAPPING AND ASSESSMENT OF IMPERVIOUS SURFACES; AND
- 2. MONITORING, INSPECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION FUND;
- (V) TO THE EXTENT THAT FEES IMPOSED UNDER §
  4–204 OF THIS SUBTITLE ARE DEPOSITED INTO THE LOCAL WATERSHED
  PROTECTION AND RESTORATION FUND, REVIEW OF STORMWATER
  MANAGEMENT PLANS AND PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT;
- (VI) GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR UP TO 100% OF A PROJECT'S COSTS FOR WATERSHED RESTORATION AND REHABILITATION PROJECTS RELATING TO:
- 1. PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES;
- 2. STREAM AND WETLAND RESTORATION; AND
- 3. PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH RELATED TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT OR STREAM AND WETLAND RESTORATION: AND
- (VII) REASONABLE COSTS NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER THE LOCAL WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION FUND.

Frederick County Government has not yet expended any of the funds collected in the Watershed Protection and Restoration Fund.